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BOOK SECOND.

PARTICULAR INQUIEX INTO THE METHOD OF THE DIYIKE GOVERNMENT IN THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

IN the exploring expedition on which we have set out, we have, first, as from a height, taken a general survey of the country before us, as the traveller will do, when circumstances admit, at the outset of his journey. We are now to descend to a detailed examination of the territory whose outline we have been surveying. In the first instance, we are to enter into the heart of the physical world as the same bears relation to man, and we are then to consider the character of man as under the government of Q-od. As a suitable conclusion, we may gather the results together, and view them in combination.

CHAP. I.—GENERAL LAWS J OR, THE PRINCIPLE OF ORDEB.

SECT. I.—DIFFERENT THINGS DENOTED BY THE PHRASE " LAWS OF NATURE '—PBOPBBTIES OF MATTER, CAUSES, AND GENERAL LAWS.

THE most ignorant and careless observer cannot contemplate the works of nature without discovering many indications of the existence of general laws. Science, in its progress, has been widening the dominion of law, and has detected its presence where the unlearned saw only caprice, and where the piously deposed were accuHtomed to contemplate the Divine power acting independently of all instrumental causes. It is now acknowledged that there are physical laws determining every " fitful breeze.